



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Eric A Nyberg, et al. ) Art Unit: 1742  
Serial No: 10/796,424 ) Examiner Ngoclan Thi Mai  
For: FEEDSTOCK COMPOSITION AND ) Confirmation No: 1883  
METHOD OF USING SAME FOR )  
POWDER METALLURGY FORMING OF ) Date: June 23, 2006  
REACTIVE METALS )

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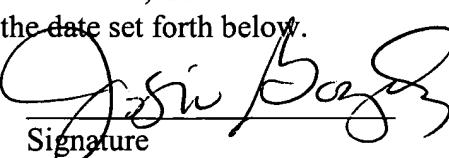
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| Application Number   | 10/796,424      |
| Filing Date          | 03/08/2004      |
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| Art Unit             | 1742            |
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|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                         | <u>Fee (\$)</u>    | <u>Small Entity</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u>    | <u>Small Entity</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u>         | <u>Small Entity</u> |                       |
| Utility                 | 300                | 150                 | 500                | 250                 | 200                     | 100                 | _____                 |
| Design                  | 200                | 100                 | 100                | 50                  | 130                     | 65                  | _____                 |
| Plant                   | 200                | 100                 | 300                | 150                 | 160                     | 80                  | _____                 |
| Reissue                 | 300                | 150                 | 500                | 250                 | 600                     | 300                 | _____                 |
| Provisional             | 200                | 100                 | 0                  | 0                   | 0                       | 0                   | _____                 |

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small EntityFee (\$) Fee (\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

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| <u>Total Claims</u> / 51 | <u>Extra Claims</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> |
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Multiple Dependent ClaimsFee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

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AMENDMENT

This responds to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006 for the above-referenced application. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 18.